

Pinedale Anticline Working Group

February 17, 2005 DRAFT Air Quality Task Group Meeting Notes

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet.

Co-chairs Terry Svalberg and Cara Casten opened the meeting with members of the group and public attendees introducing themselves.

Introductions:

Members present:

1. Terry Svalberg, USFS, Air Quality Specialist.
2. Cara Casten, WY. DEQ Air Quality Division.
3. Jim Sewell, Shell Exploration & Production Co.
4. William Belveal, concerned citizen.
5. Mike Golas, Questar, Environmental/safety program.
6. Jonathan Ratner, Western Watersheds.
7. Perry Walker, concerned citizen.
8. Kate Forsting, Energy Labs.

Public Present:

1. Ted Porwoll, USFS Air Quality Technician.
2. Sallie Otteman, BLM Pinedale Field Office.
3. Joe Delwiche, EPA Region 8, (by telephone).
4. Nick Czarnecki, WY. DEQ.

Representation:

- + Sallie Otteman attended the meeting and represented the BLM Pinedale Field Office.
- + Joe Delwiche from EPA Region 8 participated by phone.

Agenda:

- + Terry Svalberg presented the agenda for the meeting and asked if there were any additions or comments from the group. There were none.
- + Handout (agenda).
- + Terry Svalberg opened the meeting with some housekeeping items and asked the people present to introduce themselves to the group.

Meeting Notes:

- + Notes from the 01/04/05 and 01/25/05 AQTG meetings were discussed. The group agreed to accept all changes to the 01/04/05 notes. There were no changes to the 01/25/05 notes.

Draft AQ Monitoring Plan (discussion):

- ✚ Mike Golas made the point that the task group should be sure that they could deliver what they promised in the proposed annual report.
- ✚ Mike Golas asked if members needed more time to review the final version of the Monitoring Plan before it was submitted to the PAWG on 02/18/05.
- ✚ Jim Sewell suggested that the members of the group should have one more chance to comment on the final draft of the monitoring plan.
- ✚ Mike Golas was concerned that, because of the resignation by Rick Hoffman from the AQTG, there was no Sublette County involvement in the development of the Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Terry Svalberg stated that he would approach the PAWG one more time to solicit participation on the AQTG by the county.
- ✚ Jim Sewell stated that the group needed to find out if Perry Walker was comfortable with the monitoring plan and the recommendations which were presented in it. (Perry was not present at the beginning of the meeting).
- ✚ Mike Golas stated that the document was a bit disjointed and appeared as if it were written by a committee. He asked if it would be better to present the recommendations in the beginning of the document.
- ✚ Ted Porwoll suggested that the group should use a table of contents to highlight the recommendations and help the PAWG find their way around in the document. It was agreed upon by the group that a table of contents should be included in the final document.
- ✚ Jonathan Ratner asked if a graphic of the process of getting gas out of the ground and to the consumer, (i.e. Drilling > Production > Pipeline > Consumer), could be included somewhere in the document. Cara said she would look for one.
- ✚ Mike Golas questioned whether the group had any authority over the Jonah Field, and suggested that the group not assume any more tasks than what was stated in the PAWG task list.
- ✚ The group discussed how the PAWG AQTG would interface with the proposed Jonah Infill Working Group. Will there be another bunch of task groups associated with the JIWG? Who will be on those task groups? Where is the technical expertise, and who has the time to contribute substantially to this new working group, should it be implemented? Should the group suggest that the JIWG be included in the PAWG process?
- ✚ Jim Sewell and Mike Golas said they wouldn't be comfortable representing operators in the Jonah Field since Shell and Questar do not hold leases in that area.
- ✚ Terry Svalberg asked if the AQTG should recommend that the Pinedale RMP address the task groups and working groups on a more regional scale, (PFO).
- ✚ Ted Porwoll mentioned that the Western Regional Air Partnership, (WRAP), has defined emissions source areas in relation to potential impacts on Air Quality Related Values, (AQRVs), in federally designated class I airsheds, throughout the western U.S. Ted suggested that the task group should use those defined areas when considering cumulative impacts, from development, on neighboring class I areas.
- ✚ Perry Walker stated that there appear to be two different hierarchies involved, administrative and technical, and that they operate on different scales.

- ✚ Jim Sewell suggested that the group let the PAWG AQTG's monitoring Plan be the model and suggest another scale as new projects arise, (i.e. Jonah Infill).
- ✚ The group agreed that references to the Jonah Infill, with the exception of NOx tracking, be deleted from the document.
- ✚ It was agreed that the AQTG should emphasize that funding for monitoring programs is the responsibility of the BLM and not the PAWG or the TGs.

Finalize the AQ Monitoring Plan:

- ✚ The group spent the rest of the time allotted to the meeting to finalize the AQ Monitoring Plan. The TG went through the Draft Plan together and either accepted or modified changes suggested by individual members.
- ✚ Cara Casten and Terry Svalberg agreed to make the final changes to the document by late PM and asked that any additional comments be sent to Terry no later than noon the next day so that the Final Monitoring Plan could be submitted to the PAWG that afternoon.

Wyoming DEQ Air Quality Division Representation:

- ✚ Cara Casten informed the group that she had accepted a new position at DEQ and that she would no longer be able to participate in the PAWG AQTG. Cara will be in charge of DEQs monitoring programs. Nick Czarnecki will fill DEQs position on the AQTG in the interim.

AQTG Meeting Schedule:

- ✚ The next Air Quality Task Group meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday April 7th at 08:00. The meeting will take place at the USFS Pinedale District Office.

Adjourn:

Attachments:

02/17/05 AQTG meeting Agenda
01/04/05 AQTG Meeting Notes
01/25/05 AQTG Meeting Notes
02/17/05 Draft AQTG Monitoring Plan
02/15/05 16:25 Carol Kruse Memo
02/15/05 18:10 Carol Kruse Memo
Draft of Table 2 from the AQTG Monitoring Plan